

Regular Meeting Minutes – City of Plantersville
February 14, 2022

The Board of Alderman of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2022, in Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

Karen Hale, Mayor
Kristina Keyser Mayton, Pro-Tem
Kimberly Allphin, Alderman Secretary
Marilyn Bettes, Alderman
Frank Dean, Alderman

Absent:

Otis Greenwood, Jr., Alderman

Visitors: Ainsley Hale

1. Call to Order: Quorum established. Mayor Karen Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation by Alderman Allphin followed by pledges.
2. Regular Meeting Minutes from January 10, 2022
**Correction to Item 6 Regular Meeting Minutes on Page 1 by Alderman Bettes*
Mayor Hale advised that she had contacted the Comptroller's office and was preparing a list of current facilities.
Motion to Approve: Alderman Marilyn Bettes
Second: Alderman Kristina Keyser Mayton
Voting Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
3. Public Comments: No Comments
4. Invoices and items currently due and payable: City Attorney – January Invoice \$256.00
Discussion: Mayor Hale reviewed the invoice received and services. Alderman Dean requested a copy of the Letter of Engagement for the law firm representing the city. Mayor Hale will provide copy to aldermen for their records.
Action – Motion: Alderman Bettes made motion to pay the due and payable invoice as presented.
Second: Alderman Mayton
Voting Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
5. Mayor Hale reviewed the actions required to order/conduct May 7, 2022, General Election of officers.
Discussion: Election information provided by Mayor Hale with the listed dates:
Deadline to file to be a candidate is February 18, 2022
Drawing to determine order of names on ballot will be February 28, 2022
Mayor Hale also advised that the election cost is pending at this time.
Action – Motion: None
6. Community Outreach: Easter Event “Easter Trunk Eggstravaganza” on April 3, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Discussion: Mayor Hale reviewed the plans for upcoming event with aldermen and asked for assistance contacting local businesses and residents, notifying them of the upcoming function and invite them to participate. The budget of \$750.00 is to provide for porta-potty, two banners, treats, decorations and miscellaneous. Alderman Allphin is preparing flyer to announce event and promote upcoming function.

Constable Jarvis has agreed to participate and provide security for the function. Additional organizations to be contacted by Mayor and Aldermen.

Action - Motion: None

7. 2021-2022 Community Development Fund, Community Development Block Grant

Discussion: Mayor Hale reported that the grant has been denied at this time. However, additional review is scheduled and another survey of beneficiaries will be prepared and sent. Grantworks is preparing the documents with required response and will advise Mayor Hale when completed.

Action - Motion: None

8. TDEM ARP Allocation Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF)

Discussion: Mayor Hale advised that there is no change and the amount received to date is \$25,162.50. Mayor Hale also noted that a future workshop will be planned to review the areas these funds can be utilized as there are specific guidelines.

Action - Motion: None

9. Ordinance to decline to approve the change in rates requested by Entergy Texas, Inc

Discussion: Mayor Hale reviewed the request received from Entergy Texas, Inc asking municipalities to decline to approve the change in rates. She was advised by the Entergy representative that in declining the change in rates with other municipalities it allows for one hearing and is part of that specific docket with the Public Utilities Commission. Mayor Hale provided packets to Aldermen containing all documents sent by Entergy Texas, Inc to the City of Plantersville. Alderman Dean inquired about the listing on agenda regarding rates if this is an increase or decrease. Mayor Hale advised it was an increase per the information she received and in the attachments emailed to him and other aldermen. The alternative is to hire attorney and law firm to represent the city at the hearing with the Public Utilities Commission and this would be very expensive. Alderman Dean asked about changing the ordinance wording to include increased rates instead of change of rates. Mayor Hale advised the specific wording in ordinance presented correlates directly to this specific docket filing and hearing with the P.U.C.

Action – Motion: Alderman Allphin moved to approve the ordinance to decline to approve the change in rates requested in Entergy Texas, Inc.'s and included in ETI's Statement of Intent and that ETI's proposed new rates that were filed with the City of Plantersville on January 31, 2022 should not be approved.

Second: Alderman Bettes

Voting Yes: Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carriers

10. Proclamation recognizing March 2022 as Youth Art Month

Discussion: Mayor Hale reviewed the request received from N.I.S.D. Visual Arts Department asking that we recognize that March as Youth Art Month with a formal proclamation. The proclamation states that the city affirms that the youth art projects and activities are important and valuable to the youth and the community.

Action – Motion: Alderman Marilyn Bettes moved to approve the Proclamation recognizing March 2022 as Youth Art Month

Second: Alderman Frank Dean

Voting Yes: Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carriers

11. Road Repair/Maintenance

Discussion: Mayor Hale advised that the Grimes County Road & Bridge has completed some resurface work on Old Schoolhouse Road. Mayor Hale was disappointed that ditch work in that area had not been completed prior to repairs as was requested by the city. Mayor Hale has requested repairs again on the CR 311 bridge railing including the remaining stop sign stub and debris. She again traveled CR 311 and other roadways and submitted a list of damaged roads and potholes that citizens have requested.

Action – Motion: None

12. Board update/discussion items of community interest (no action may be discussed, except to put on an agenda). Upcoming functions discussed were the Town Hall Fundraiser on March 4, 2022; PS VFD Bazaar on April 24, 2022; PSB Crawfish Festival on April 30, 2022
13. Executive Session/Closed Meeting: None
14. No Action Taken
15. Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Karen Hale

Kimberly Allphin

Karen Hale, Mayor

Kimberly Allphin, Secretary

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